

RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS AND REJECTIONS

In response to the Official Action dated October 17, 2007, and the Telephone Interview with Applicant's representative on September 26, 2007, applicant has amended the specification and claims to address the issues discussed in the September 26 interview and the October 17 Official Action.

For example, applicant has amended the specification and claims to recite that the chuck has an effective capacity "up to 6.35 mm" to address the Examiner's 112 rejections.

Also, applicant has amended Claims 13 and 20 to recite that the "diameter of the second portion is less than the diameter of the first portion" to address the Examiner's 112 rejections.

Furthermore, even though the term "about" is clearly a definite term as described by the MPEP in section 2173.05(b), applicant has amended the claims to remove the term, so that the Examiner will allow the claims and withdraw his previous rejections.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact Rouz Tabaddor, Esq. at (202) 489-7849 or at rouz@tabaddorlaw.com.

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